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**John E. Hoffman, Jr.**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1959  
Education: Ohio State 1983 JD  
Began Service: February 25, 2000  
Term Expires: February 24, 2014

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Bankruptcy Judge

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**C. Kathryn Preston**  
Bankruptcy Judge

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**Guy R. Humphrey**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Ohio State 1984 JD  
Began Service: October 2007  
Term Expires: October 2021

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice

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**Burton Perlman**

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1924  
Education: Yale 1944 BE, 1947 ME; Michigan 1952 LLB  
Began Service: 1976

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, University of Cincinnati College of Law

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court (1971-1976)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1952-1971); Private Practice (1958-1971)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1944-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Cincinnati Bar Association; Federal Bar Association

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**James Hardy Payne**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Oklahoma 1963 BS, 1966 JD  
Began Service: December 17, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Affiliation:** District Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma

**Chambers of Chief Judge James Hardy Payne continued**

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Oklahoma, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1970-1973)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma (1988-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Sandlin & Payne (1973-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1966-1970); United States Air Force Reserve (1971-1991)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Muskogee County Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association

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**Ronald A. White**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1961  
Education: Oklahoma 1983 BA, 1986 JD  
Began Service: October 6, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Associate Attorney, Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, P.C. (1986-1992); Shareholder, Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, P.C. (1992-2003)

**Current Memberships:** Oklahoma Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Frank H. Seay**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Oklahoma 1961 BA, 1963 LLB  
Began Service: November 5, 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Assistant to the District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, State of Oklahoma (1963-1966); First Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, State of Oklahoma (1967-1968)

**Judicial:** Associate Judge, Oklahoma District Court (1968-1979); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma; Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (2003)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1963-1966)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Muskogee County Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Seminole County Bar Association

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**Kimberly E. West**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: April 22, 1958  
Education: Oklahoma 1980 BA; Oklahoma City 1983 JD  
Began Service: March 15, 2002  
Term Expires: March 2010  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge, Workers' Compensation Court (1990-1996)

**Staff**

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**Steven P. Shreder**  
Magistrate Judge

**Staff**

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